

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2002**  
**6:30 P.M.**

- Call To Order:** The Parks & Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Common Council, 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville. President Jack Harmon called the meeting to order. Members present were George Coons, Wilma Jo Kile, Tim Shuppert and Tracey Phillips. Charlie Brown was absent. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Mayor Bob Bridges, Pool Manager Gina Clark, and Jan Voiles of the *Rushville Republican*.
- Minutes:** Minutes of April 9, 2002 was presented for approval. Shuppert moved to approve the minutes for the month. Coons seconded. Motion carried.
- New Business:** Harmon then introduced Doug Keith and Don McElfresh of the Rushville Reserve Police Officer's. They were present to raise money for equipment for the reserve department. They are going to have a raffle, a dunk tank, sell water and soda and have a jail lock up on July 4<sup>th</sup>. They are trying to get support from local businesses and from the community. They will be doing kid identification, the equipment will be on display and this will be the public's opportunity to meet the reserve officers. They then asked for a couple season passes to the swimming pool to raffle off. Mathews stated he is in complete support of this project, as he knows what these guys do and thinks we should donate to their cause. Kile moved to give two (2) season passes to the swimming pool to be donated to the Reserve Officers for their raffle. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.
- Reports:** Mathews reported:  
Budget – Good Shape  
Facilities – Pool floor in desperate need of repair.  
Sharpe handed out reports from R. L. Turner.  
Mathews stated this would be an on going problem if we don't get this problem fixed. He feels we should do a quick fix now and then in the fall drain and do an overall fix at that time.  
Shuppert said he feels to do it right we need to drill the cracks, inject the seal and recoat to do it properly.  
Mathews said there are several cracks in the pool; one crack is over 60 feet.
- Newhouse stated our pool is only two years old. If we have to file a lawsuit it could take several months maybe even years.  
R. L. Turner is pointing fingers.  
Coons stated that R. L Turner has always been cooperative; Bonar is whom we had problems with.
- Harmon stated that with litigation this could take awhile. He feels a quick fix is what we need now to open.
- Shuppert stated we need to get the original contractor here Get DESCO here and give them an opportunity to help us out and in a timely fashion.
- Harmon questioned the cure time. He feels that after cure time we should fill immediately and informed Clark that if there is anything this board could do to help out to please let us know.
- After a long discussion it was decided to set up a special meeting on Monday at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers and to have all the contractors here from R. L. Turner, DESCO and Bonar. Get as many people here as quickly as possible.
- Mathews reported that Virgil Johnson is going to have a "Gospel in the Park" on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the tennis courts by the shelter house.
- Pool Manager Gina Clark reported that everyone is hired. All pool employees are coming in this Thursday to fill out paperwork. She will be having orientation for the lifeguards at the pool on Thursday.  
This week she will order concession stand items.  
They are all cleaning and pulling weeds.  
Mathews shared with the board that Clark is doing a good job.  
Clark stated that Cheyenne Workman is in charge of the grounds at the pool. She will be running the concession stand, mowing and pulling weeds.  
Clark is making new signs. Pool passes have been ordered  
She attended the Certified Pool Operators Class and has really learned a lot.
- Claims:** Claims were reviewed prior to meeting by Phillips and Kile. Phillips moved to approve the claims for the month. Kile seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Shuppert moved to accept the proposal from Oler’s Fencing and Construction Company for the fence at the new Skateboard Park in the amount of \$6,960.00. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

Mathews stated he has received a couple bids on resurfacing the walking path in the park. He has \$5,000 in matching funds in his budget. His lowest bid was for \$15,720 to do complete trail. His recommendation is to resurface North Park at this time, as it’s the worse area. In South park, repair all bad areas and seal coat the rest which would run around \$9,000.00.

Kile stated there is nothing any more used than the fitness trail. Someone is always walking on it.

Mathews stated it is highly used.

Mathews stated the school is putting in the walking path from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

Shuppert stated he likes the walking path but since we are not sure what the pool will run we should table discussion until after we find out about the pool.

Harmon asked all board members to look over the budget, see what priorities we need to take care of, as we have to support the Skateboard Park as well.

Mathews asked the board’s permission to purchase a Stainless Steel Muratic Acid Hand Pump for the pool. He stated that there is always acid left in the pump and we have to dump it now. This is very hazardous.

Mathews stated that through the years we would save money on acid if we have this pump. He is thinking health and safety.

Harmon stated he feels we need this equipment to do job safely.

Mathews said he has money in pool parts.

Board all agreed to go ahead and buy the Stainless Steel Muratic Acid Hand Pump.

Harmon asked all board members to please review Master Plans and projects for the year 2002. He feels the two most important projects were the Skateboard Park and the Walking Path.

Shuppert said he feels the pool should be our number one priority then the walking path and then the skateboard park.

Sharpe stated that she was proud to announce that after Saturday’s Car Wash at Wal-Mart the Skateboard Park Committee has met their \$10,000 goal. The car wash made \$350.00 and Wal-Mart is going to match that figure with a grant.

There being no further business, Kile moved to adjourn. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

JACK HARMON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE COONS, VICE PRESIDENT

TIM SHUPPERT, MEMBER

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

TRACEY PHILLIPS, MEMBER

CHARLES BROWN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY